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**From:** Rita Dolan  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 4/15/03 8:30AM  
**Subject:** Halt further consolidation of the media

Dear Mr. Powell:

Regarding the upcoming FCC vote, further consolidation of the media in the false name of "deregulation" must be halted and in fact reversed. TV and radio news in the hands of a handful of profit-driven corporations has undermined our democracy more than any other modern force except the high cost of broadcast commercials during elections. The media companies have failed in their public trust to provide crucial unbiased information to the public about most public issues, most notably the drive to war in Iraq. As an American concerned about our democracy, I call on you to break up the media conglomerates, to open the spectrum to a wide diversity of organizations and independent journalists, and to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine.

Thank you

Rita Dolan,  
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**From:** Ashton Trey Belew  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJM, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** 4/15/03 9:51AM  
**Subject:** information regarding deregulation vote

Good morning,  
Last night I attended a meeting at St. Michael's college in Winooski Vermont. This morning I decided I wanted to view the information available at [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov) and was disappointed when I found little relevant content.

Would it be possible to move information regarding the upcoming vote to someplace more visible?

Thank you,  
-Trey Belew

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Ashton Trey Belew  
<http://www.uvm.edu/~atb>  
Worst Response To A Crisis, 1985:

From a readers' Q and A column in TV GUIDE: "If we get involved in a nuclear war, would the electromagnetic pulses from exploding bombs damage my videotapes?"

**From:** Kimberly Peterson  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 4/15/03 2:53PM  
**Subject:** accurate reporting

Please halt media conglomeration and breakup the media giants that are abetting this war, and affecting the dignity and professionalism of journalism everywhere.

Kimberly

**From:** Kimberly Peterson  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 4/15/03 2:55PM  
**Subject:** break up what makes news wrong

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**From:** pjrassier@raytheon.com  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 4/15/03 5:23PM  
**Subject:** Frustrated

Dear Sir,

I'm truly sick of the AMERICAN news media. This is principally the TV news (EVERY DAMNED ONE OF THEM) and it also includes our newspapers. Are they on our side?

I believe AMERICANS have a right to receive UNBIASED news. The best I have found is the BBC. What can be done to insure all AMERICANS have access to the BBC.

Pat

**From:** Arianna Schneider-Stocking  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 4/15/03 5:37PM  
**Subject:** Block proposed deregulation of media

Dear Mr. Powell,

I urge you to block the proposed "deregulation" of media which will permit even more monopoly consolidation of electronic media than we now have and will further jeopardize our democracy.

Regards,

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**From:** Beki  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** 4/15/03 10:53PM  
**Subject:** The Airwaves Belong to the People

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. **YOU DO NOT HAVE THE RIGHT TO LIMIT THE PEOPLES AIRWAVE. YOU ARE TO REPRESENT THE PEOPLE, THE PUBLIC INTEREST, NOT THE CORPORATIONS, OR THOSE WHO HAVE DEEP POCKETS.**

In its goals to promote competition, diversity and localism in today's media market, I strongly believe that the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question. These rules serve the public interest by limiting the market power of already huge companies in the broadcast industry.

I do not believe that the studies commissioned by the FCC accurately demonstrate the negative affects media deregulation and consolidation have had on media diversity. While there may be indeed be more sources of media than ever before, the spectrum of views presented have become more limited.

The right to carry on informed debate and discussion of current events is part of the founding philosophy of our nation. Our forefathers believed that democracy was best served by a diverse marketplace of ideas. If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge, our ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised. **THIS HAS ALREADY OCCURRED.**

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding. **IN FACT, YOU SHOULD DECREASE THE MONOPOLIES AND INCREASE LIMITATIONS ON OWNERSHIP.**

In addition to the official hearing on this matter in Richmond, VA, I strongly urge the FCC to hold additional hearings elsewhere around the nation to solicit the widest possible participation from the public which will be the most directly affected by the outcomes of these decisions. I think it is important for the FCC to not only consider the points of view of those with a financial interest in this issue, but also those with a social or civic interest. **YOU ARE NOT SERVING THE PUBLIC WHEN YOU LIMIT PARTICIPATION - YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE SERVING.**

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is incumbent on the Commission to take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

